



February 2004 Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, 1

Celebrate Natural Florida: Marilyn Brown Exhibit

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Thru February 7. Enjoy the beauty of Natural Florida captured in the magnificent photographs of Marilyn Brown. Using an antique Super Graphic 4" x 5" view camera, she produces large format, hand crafted, silver gelatin photographic prints. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668

La Duquesa del Bal Tabarín

3 p.m. \$35-\$12. Spanish operetta presented by Sociedad Pro Arte Grateli. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305.547.5414, ext. 0

Key Biscayne Canoe Trip

8-11 a.m. \$20. Also, February 15. Other dates and times: February 13 & 28, 2-5 p.m.; Full moon trip on February 6, 4-7 p.m. Search the endless mangrove forest where birds, reptiles and a wide variety of marine life lurk. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Marina, 4000 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Guided Historical Nature Walk

2-4 p.m. \$3 per person; \$4 per vehicle entrance fee. Saturdays and Sundays. See animals in their natural surroundings and learn about plant life that might not be seen on a paved trail. Call 305.948.2891 for reservations. Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach

Flow

Daily 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Thru March 11. Flow, an art exhibition featuring figurative sculpture by artist Freida Tschumy, deals with the experiences of being in a body and sculpture that explores patterns in nature. The Women's Park, 10251 West Flagler St., 305.480.1717

Luminous Gardens

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily. Thru February 7. Venezuelan artist, Patricia Van Dalen exhibits "Flower Square," a site-specific installation of 100,000 marker flags in the Lowlands and recent works on canvas and paper. The Gallery at Fairchild Tropical Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami, 305.667.1651

Deering Historic Tours

10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$7 adults; \$5 children. Daily. Tour the historic 1922 Stone House, the 1896-1900 Richmond Cottage and the 450-acre environmental preserve featuring archaeological sites and rare native flora and fauna. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668

Natural Areas Tours

Daily. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Take a guided walking tour through a tropical hardwood hammock to a Tequesta Indian burial mound. On the half-mile boardwalk tour, you'll learn of our unique ecosystem. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

Mountain Bike Trails

Sunrise-Sunset. Monday-Friday. \$4 per vehicle on Saturdays and Sundays. Mountain bike trails for beginners, intermediate and advanced riders. Night rides from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. One time registration fee of \$10 and \$2 per night. Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

Jean Claude Rigaud Exhibit

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday thru Friday; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. Free. Thru March 1. An internationally acclaimed sculptor, Rigaud uses space as a medium and steel to create sculptures that challenge the imagination. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305.638.6771 ext. 106

Masters of the Night: The True Story of Bats

10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Included with Zoo admission: \$12 adults; \$7 ages 3-12. Thru March 21. Compare the skeleton of a human with the skeleton of a bat and see the striking resemblance! Distinguish the truth from folklore, superstition and fear while investigating a cave and its dwellers, live bats, snakes, fish and insects. Enjoy many hands-on activities. Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami, 305.251.0400

Where is My Florida?

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Thru April 4. Exhibit of 25 historic maps of Florida displayed in the Richmond Inn. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668

Dog Park

Sunrise-Sunset. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The park offers five acres of enclosed green space with walking trails and water fountains for dogs. Dog Park at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

Sailing Program

Children ages 7-15 can become skilled sailors in this national course on boating. Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

Skyward Kites

9 a.m.-Sunset. Daily. Kite sale and rental at Haulover Beach Park, 10800 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, 305.893.0906.

Walk among the Pelicans

Dawn to dusk, daily. Free. See pelican families in their natural environment. Pelican Harbor Seabird Station, 1275 NE 79 St. Causeway, Miami, 305.751.9840

Farm Village

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The farm village offers petting zoo daily and pony rides on Saturdays and Sundays for children weighing 70 lbs. and less. Pony rides are \$2. Bill Graham Farm Village at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

Crandon Park Family Amusement Center

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Daily. Ride a colorful carousel and bike or roller-blade through miles of trails. Carousel operates weekends and holidays only from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Three rides for \$1. Crandon Park, 4000 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, 305.361.5421

Firearm Safety

9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$5 adults; children free. Saturdays and Sundays. Learn the fundamentals of firearm safety, range rules and regulations. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305.226.1823

Canoe and Paddle Boat Rentals

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Canoes for adults are \$4.50 per half hour and \$3 for children. Paddle boats are \$5 per half hour. The Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach, 305.948.2891

Water Bicycles and Kayak Rentals

\$10 per half hour. Saturdays and Sundays. Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

Chicken Key Canoe Tour

7:30-11 a.m. \$25 adults; \$15 ages 9-14. Sundays. \$35 moonlight tour (adults only) on February 6, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Canoeists will experience the beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key

Island, a seven-acre bird rookery. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

Batting Cages

9-11 a.m. \$5 for 15 minutes; \$25 for an hour. Sundays. Practice your swing at the batting cage at Highland Oaks park, 20300 NE 24 Ave., N. Miami Beach, 305.932.2164. Monday-Friday 2-9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. \$5 three rounds; \$10 seven rounds. Bats, helmets supplied at Tropical Park, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami. Call 305-559-5200 for reservations.

Wheelchair Basketball Teams

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Sundays. Wheelchair basketball for athletes ages 10 and older. Call 305.234.4948. McArthur Senior High, 11035 SW 84 St., Miami

Adapted Aquatics

\$40/10 swim classes. \$30/10 arthritis classes. Swim lessons and/or water exercises for adults and children ages six and older with disabilities and arthritis at Tamiami, Norwood, A.D. Barnes, and Cutler Ridge pools. Arthritis classes not offered at Tamiami. Call 305.652.4304 (north); 305.665.5319 (v/tdd) (central); or 305.234.4948 (south) for schedules.

Water Bicycles and Kayak Rentals

\$10 per half hour. Saturdays and Sundays. Call 305.495.4637 for reservations. Tropical Park, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami

MONDAY, 2

Adult Day Training

7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. or 1-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Training in life skills, community integration and independence for adults with mild developmental disabilities. Leisure Access Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.665.5319 (v/tdd)

Basketball Team

5-6 p.m. \$32/monthly. Mondays and Wednesdays. Ages 13 and older. Basketball for people with developmental disabilities. Leisure Access Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.665.5319 (v/tdd)

Senior Adventures

Activities and exercise for older adults. Contact Helen Barnfather at 305.652.4304 for schedules and locations.

Tai Chi

Free. Ages 15 and older. The Mayor's Health and Fitness Challenge offers introductory Tai Chi classes. Mondays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22 Ave., Miami. Call 305.638.6771 to register. Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami. Call 305.235.1668, ext. 242 to register.

TUESDAY, 3

Zoodler Academy

\$15 one adult and one child; \$6 each additional participant. Toddlers learn about nature through stories, craft projects and live animals. Every Tuesday, 3:30-4:30 p.m. for toddlers ages 2-3; Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m. for 2-to-4-year-olds and 3:30-4:30 p.m. for 3-to-4-year-olds. Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami, 305.255.5551

Swim Team

5-6 p.m. \$30/10 classes. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Swim classes and competitions for individuals 13 and older with developmental disabilities. Leisure Access Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.665.5319 (v/tdd)

Arthritis Aquatics

Various times. \$30 for 5 weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays; \$30 for 10 Saturdays. Low impact water

exercises focusing on range of motion, strength and endurance. Call 305.665.5319 (v/tdd). A.D. Barnes Pool, 3701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

WEDNESDAY, 4

Arch Creek Ghost Tours

7-8:30 p.m. \$5. Also, February 11, 18 & 25. Take a night tour of Arch Creek Park and learn about its spooky past. Hear personal accounts of ghostly encounters that have occurred at Arch Creek since the late 1800s and maybe have an encounter of your own. Call 305.944.6111 for reservations. Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami

Goalball

6:30-8 p.m. Free. Wednesdays. Competitive sport for visually impaired teenagers and adults. Call 305.652.4304. NFL YET Center, 7090 NW 22 Ave., Miami

THURSDAY, 5

Black History Month Film Series

7 p.m. \$5. Every Thursday in February. This series will feature entertaining and educational films made by and/or featuring African Americans and Africans. Following each film will be a discussion session. Featured films include: "Ethnic Notions," "Question of Color," "Africa's Greatness" and "Thunderbolt." Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave, Miami, 305.636.2350

Wildflower Lecture Series

7:30-9 p.m. \$5. Thursdays thru March 4. Join author Roger Hammer at these special evening programs designed to help you learn about and enjoy the wealth of native wildflowers that can be found in South Florida. Call 305.242.7688 for reservations. Castellow Hammock Park and Nature Center, 22301 SW 162 Ave., Miami

FRIDAY, 6

Batty at Bedtime

6 p.m.-9 a.m. \$50 per person. Fridays and Saturdays. Thru March. Ages 6 and older. Come "hang" with our batty friends for a night in this fascinating bat exhibit. You'll experience what it's like to go batty as you sleep. The sleepover will include a special guided tour, pizza supper, bedtime snack and continental breakfast. Pre-registration required. For groups of 6 people only: (Capacity: 5 groups of 6 participants each). Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami, 305.255.5551

Zoo Inn

6 p.m.-9 a.m. \$50 per person. Fridays and Saturdays throughout the school year. A behind-the-scenes tour of the Zoo, including a sleepover and a special morning activity. Pre-registration required. For groups only: minimum 15; maximum 30. Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami, 305.255.5551

Leisurely P.A.C.E.ing

10:30-11:30 a.m. \$32/8 weeks. Fridays. People with Arthritis Can Exercise in a relaxed environment at their own PACE. Call 305.234.4948 to register. Perdue Medical Center, 19590 Old Cutler Road, Miami

T.G.I.F.

6:30-10:30 p.m. \$40/monthly. Social program for adults 21 and older with developmental disabilities. Call 305.234.4948. Tamiami Park Recreational Center, 11201 SW 24 St., Miami

SATURDAY, 7

Farm Tour of the Redland

10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$25. Visit private farms not open to the public. Trip leaves Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave., Homestead, 305.247.5727

Fossilized Reef Kayak and Snorkel Trip

9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$25. Also, February 21 & 22. Other dates and times: February 27, 2-5 p.m. Valentine's

Day (February 14): Singles: 9 a.m.-noon; Couples 2-5 p.m. Explore marine life and 2,000-year-old fossilized mangrove roots. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors' and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Windley Key Historical Van Trip

8 a.m.-5 p.m. \$40 adults; \$15 ages 14 and younger. Join park naturalists on a tour of a historic quarry and the unique hardwood hammock of Windley Key and then stop at Robbie's to feed the four-foot silver tarpon. Call 305.255.4767 for reservations. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

Tropical Rose Show and Sale

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$10 adults; \$5 ages 3-12. Thru Sunday. Fairchild Tropical Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami, 305.667.1651

Wheelchair Tennis Program

9-11 a.m. Saturdays. Free. All ages and skill levels. Big Five Tennis Club, 9299 SW 7 Terr., Miami, 305.234.4948

Drop & Shop Program

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$5 one child, \$8 two children & \$11 for three children. Saturdays. Parents, you can do your shopping while your child is supervised with activities, games, videos and arts and crafts. Highland Oaks Park, 20300 NE 24 Ave., N. Miami Beach, 305.932.2164

Spa Day at the Park

10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$75. Ladies only. Experience a day of pampering — facial, massage, nutrition, meditation and stretching. Call 305.247.5727 for reservations and list of materials you need to bring. Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave., Homestead

Hattie Bauer Hammock Volunteer Workday

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Volunteers help restore the environment by removing exotic plants, planting seedlings and picking up trash. Call 305.257.0904 for details. Hattie Bauer Hammock, SW 267 St. and 157 Ave., Miami

Historic Oleta River Canoe Trip

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$20. Also, February 14, 21 & 28. Take a ride along one of Florida's most historic and beautiful rivers. Catch a view of many wading birds and mammals in their natural habitats and visit an undisturbed Tequesta Indian Midden. Bring binoculars. Call 305.944.6111 for reservations. Meet at East Greynolds Park, NE 167 Street and Biscayne Blvd., N. Miami Beach.

Chapman Field Canoe Trip

9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$20. Explore this rich marine community located in South Biscayne Bay. Observe various wading birds feeding on tidal flats, and learn about the mangrove environment on this guided canoe tour. Call 305.662.4124 for reservations. Trip meets at entrance of Chapman Field Park, 13601 Old Cutler Rd, Miami.

Heritage Horse Show

8 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Thru Sunday. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305.554.7334

Sports Saturday

8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. \$32/monthly. Also, February 21. Basketball, swimming and exercise activities for individuals 13 and older with developmental disabilities. Leisure Access Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.665.5319 (v/tdd)

Gala in the Garden: Night of the Tropical Moon

6:30 p.m. \$500. The annual black tie fundraiser is held outdoor under the stars in the breathtaking setting of the Garden. Call 305.667.1651, ext. 3375 for more information. Fairchild Tropical Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami

SUNDAY, 8

Redland Historic Bike Trip

9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$20. This leisurely-paced, 12-mile bike ride around the historic Redland lets you exercise while you learn about some of the interesting pioneers, events, and historic sites associated with the Silver Palm District and Redland District of yesteryear. The group stops for refreshments and a brief tour of the Redland Fruit & Spice Park. Call 305.242.7688 to register.

Biscayne Bay Canoe Trip

4-6 p.m. \$20. All ages. Discover a habitat teeming with life on this canoe trip along the mangrove-lined shores of Matheson Hammock Park. Call 305.662.4124 for reservations. Leaves Matheson Hammock Park, 9610 Old Cutler Rd, Miami.

Birds, Butterflies & Binoculars

10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$3 per person; \$4 per vehicle entrance fee. Also, February 14, 21, 22 & 29. Learn binocular basics for bird and butterfly watching while observing migrating warblers, songbirds and even hawks. Bring binoculars. Call 305.948.2891 for reservations. Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach

Cornucopia of the Arts: Spirit of Paradise

10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$6 adults; \$3 ages 6-12. Be a part of Miami-Dade's premier arts festival of young artists in performances and exhibitions of dance, theater, music and visual arts. Call 305.755.7948 for more information. Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, 3251 South Miami Ave., Miami

Heritage Bike and Beach Trip

2-5 p.m. \$25 includes bike and helmet rental (Bring your own bike, \$15). Also, February 29. Learn of natural and historical events as you bike along this barrier island. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors' and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

MONDAY, 9

Magic City Monday: Rhythms of Africa

10-11 a.m. \$3. Rhythms of Africa: A Journey of Sound, blends a variety of musical styles and demonstrates the influence of rhythms from Jamaica, Nigeria, Mali, Brazil, Cuba and Trinidad. Reservations required. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305.636.2350

WEDNESDAY, 11

Romeo & Juliette

8 p.m. Call box office for admission cost. Also, February 14, 17 & 20, 8 p.m.; February 22, 2 p.m. Florida Grand Opera presents Romeo & Juliette. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305.547.5414, ext. 0

THURSDAY, 12

Dance Night Under the Stars: "Noche De Corazones Latinos"

5:30 p.m. Free. Join us for this cultural exchange between Chile and Cuba, featuring "Los Maipucitos," a Folkloric youth group of 45 dancers and musicians visiting from Chile and tropical music by the Cuban Band "Caracol." Nuestras Raices Hispanic Heritage Cultural Center, 5510 SW 94 Court, Miami, 305.271.0812

FRIDAY, 13

Club Night: Donna Allen

8 p.m. \$10. Club Night features R & B singer Donna Allen and Company. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305.638.6771

Fun on Friday

6:30-10:30 p.m. \$40/monthly. Also, February 27. Social program for adults with developmental disabilities. Call 305.652.4304 for details. Greynolds Park, 17530 W Dixie Hwy., N. Miami Beach

SATURDAY, 14**Valentine's Day Concert: "Romancing the Stone...House"**

Gates open at 7p.m. Show starts at 8 p.m. \$15. Romance your sweetheart under the stars by the Bay with the smooth sounds of jazz pianist Billy Marcus and his trio. Bring blankets, lawn chairs and picnic baskets. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668

Sex and the Animals

7:30 p.m. \$15. Metrozoo's Goodwill Ambassador Ron Magill will present his critically acclaimed program, "Sex & the Animals," for adults only. Although no profanity is used, this hilarious slide show incorporates images of a graphic sexual nature, describing the unique, fascinating, and often-humorous mating behaviors of a wide variety of wildlife. The subject matter is presented in a very light-hearted and fun manner, often making comparisons to human sexuality. Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami, 305.255.5551

Moonlight Musicale: My Funny Valentine

7 p.m. Enjoy a romantic Valentine's Day with a picnic dinner and jazz concert outdoors under the stars. Call 305.667.1651, ext. 3391 for tickets. Fairchild Tropical Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami

Village Craft Market and Poetry

The market features crafts, jewelry, ceramics and wood sculptures. Every second Saturday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Gallery at African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22 Ave., Miami. Open mike poetry readings from 8:30-11 p.m. Call Renee Ransom at 305.636.2688 for more information. Every fourth Sunday, 12 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Women's Park, 10251 W. Flagler St. Call 786.715.2436 for more information.

Arch Creek Nature Walk

10-11:00 a.m. \$3. Also, February 28. Join us for a walk where you'll learn about several plants that have been used for food and medicine by Native American Indians and early settlers in this area. Call 305.944.6111 for reservations. Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami

Valentine's Day Sunset Canoe Trip

4 p.m. \$20 adults; \$10 ages 9-17. We'll take a leisurely paddle to Coral Reef Park in search of wildlife, have a rest and picnic, and then head back in time to enjoy a beautiful sunset and flocks of ibis heading to roost. Call 305.255.4767 for reservations. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

Heart of the City: Peru Negro

8 p.m. \$20 general; \$30 preferred. Delight in the Peruvian treasure of song and dance as Afro-Peruvian Ambassadors make their United States debut with percussive backbone complimented by melodic guitar and passionate singing. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305.636.2350

Littlewood Fences Horse Show

8 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Thru Sunday. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305.554.7334

Valentine's Day Wildflower Walk

8:30-11:30 a.m. \$15 per person, plus \$10 per car entrance fee into Everglades National Park. Meet in the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center parking lot. The walk features the wildflowers of pineland, prairie, and hammock plant communities of Long Pine Key. Call 305.242.7688 to register.

SUNDAY, 15**Walk with the Butterflies**

2 p.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 ages 14 and younger. Join a Miami-Dade naturalist for a

butterfly program designed for beginners and experts. Explore various habitats of the Park while finding and identifying numerous butterfly species. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668

Haulover Park Kite Day

Haulover Park 10800 Collins Ave., Miami Beach. This free event will feature kite building classes, dazzling air shows, high flying candy drops and kite flying competitions with prizes. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL SKYWARD KITES (786) 897-3370

Sunday Music at the Women's Park

2-5 p.m. Free. Bring your blankets and lounge chairs and spend a relaxing afternoon by the lake while you enjoy the sounds of live Jazz, Gospel, Latin, Caribbean, Bluegrass and other types of music. The Women's Park, 10251 West Flagler St., 305.480.1717

THURSDAY, 19

Afternoon Tea in the Garden

3 p.m. \$32.50. Join us for tea on the veranda of the Jean duPont Shehan Visitor Center overlooking Pandanus Lake. Reservations required. Private teas available by request. Fairchild Tropical Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami, 305.667.1651, ext. 3391

FRIDAY, 20

Kayak Workshop

9-11 a.m. \$15. Introduction to kayak skills and safety. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors' and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd, Key Biscayne

SATURDAY, 21

Strawberry Folk Festival

10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$5 adults; \$3 ages 4-12. Thru Sunday. Enjoy a beautiful weekend in the Garden with folk music, storytelling and strawberries. Folk concert on February 21, 7-10 p.m. Admission \$10. Call 305.242.9320 for further information. Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave., Homestead

Family Rock History Day

10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$5 adults; \$2 ages 6-17. Learn about our Limestone first hand with a walk on the ridge and a trip back through time. This interactive day will introduce you to the Paleo Indians. Call 305.255.4767 for reservations. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

Deering Goes to the Birds

7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 ages 14 and younger. Start your education of birds with a 7:30-10:30 a.m. guided bird walk. From 11 a.m.-4 p.m. visitors can watch Neil Ottoway talk about the history of falconry and demonstrate how these awesome birds fly. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668

Everglades Appaloosa Horse Show

8 a.m.-10 p.m. Free. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305.554.7334

Big Cypress Bike Adventure

8 a.m.-5 p.m. \$25. Explore the Big Cypress National Preserve swamp by bicycle. This leisurely trip focuses on the ecology of a uniquely South Florida ecosystem. Call 305.662.4124 for reservations.

SUNDAY, 22

Suncoast Horse Show

8 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305.554.7334

Everglades National Park Van Trip

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$45 (transportation provided; includes entrance into Everglades National Park). Pack your own lunch and enjoy a day in the Everglades with two informative and entertaining naturalist guides. Stops will include Anhinga Trail, Long Pine Key, Pa-Hay-Okee, Mahogany Hammock, Mrazek Pond and Flamingo. Call 305.242.7688 to register.

MONDAY, 23**Magic City Monday: A Tale of the Forest**

10-11 a.m. \$3. This production features a whimsical and talkative spirit who weaves music, dance, theatre and storytelling into a journey that celebrates the beauty of the earth. Reservations required. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305.636.2350

FRIDAY, 27**Crawfish Boil in the Rainforest**

7-10 p.m. The Fairchild Palms, the Garden's young professional organization, hosts a crawfish boil. Call 305.667.1651, ext. 3377 for reservations. Fairchild Tropical Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami

SATURDAY, 28**Kendall Indian Hammocks Volunteer Workday**

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Volunteers help restore the environment by removing exotic plants, planting seedlings and picking up trash. Call 305.257.0904 for details. Kendall Indian Hammocks Park, 11345 SW 79 St., Kendall

Elections 2002: If You Don't Laugh, You Will Cry

7 p.m. \$25 & \$20. The National Association of the Bahamas presents this play satirizing the 2002 Bahamian elections. Call 954.888.1113. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305.636.2350

Family Campfire Night Hike

7-9:30 p.m. \$5 adults; \$2 ages 6-17. Learn about owls and then search for them on the nature trail. Afterwards, enjoy a campfire marshmallow roast. Pre-registration required. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami, 305.255.4767

Consortio/Mocedades in Concert

8 p.m. \$47-\$27. International Spanish rock recording artists in concert. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305.547.5414, ext. 0

Dressage Horse Show

8 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Thru Sunday. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305.554.7334

1st Hip-Hop Celebration DJ Battle and Basketball Tournament

12-5 p.m. \$15 per 3-man team. Free admission to other events. Join us for a celebration of hip-hop culture. There will be graffiti art competitions and of course, a DJ battle judged by some of South Florida's best DJs. Call 305.755.7948 for more information. Raices at Miller Drive Park, 5510 SW 94 Court, Miami

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